GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Science Train
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Science Train has been flagged off by the Government in order to bring awareness regarding the effects of climate change and to make the science behind it easier to understand amongst the students of schools and colleges;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with route chart and the subject decided for this purpose for the current year;
(c) whether the Government is considering to include Jalgaon Railway Station situated in Maharashtra in the route chart prepared for the current year; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Science Express Climate Action Special was flagged off on 15th October 2015 in order to bring awareness amongst school children, college students and general public on climate change. The Science Express Climate Action Special has eight exhibition coaches devoted exclusively for information, case studies and material related to various aspects of climate change, the underlying science, impacts, adaptation activities, mitigation solutions and policy approaches.

The Science Express Climate Action Special is to travel to 64 locations in 20 states across India, covering over 19,500 kms. The schedule and route-chart for the current phase is given at Annexure I.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer at 'C' above.